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Sirs,I am writing regarding to oppose Docket MB 04-160. The petitioners are making a blatant attempt to preserve an anachronistic monopoly at the expense of the people of the United States.

As a satellite radio subscriber for the past 2 years I've found that SDARS is absolutely the most effective and consumer-oriented media value available today. The enormous range of choices, most of them commercial-free, empowers listeners to make the media work for us. Satellite radio not only frees us from the overly commercial channelization that dominates both radio and television, it also provides direct access to a broad spectrum of public interest programming on demand. How else could I listen to CSPAN in my car?

Now that satellite radio is technically capable of providing locally-oriented programming, it promises additional huge benefits to the people of this country. As a paying subscriber, I would welcome the opportunity to listen to local content: not just traffic and weather, but local public-interest content of all sorts. Naturally the same powerful interests that have made a wasteland of AM and FM are opposed to anything that might hinder their commercial gravy train. But what have they done to provide a better service? Nothing.

I am very angry that the petitioner is attempting to restrict the type of information available to paid SDARS subscribers without providing any comparable alternative. Please help continue the American tradition of technically advanced media services that serve the public interest.

Thank you,
Charles "Chip" Chapin